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SUBJ: STATEMENT BY TURKISH FONMIN ON RELATIONS WITH GREECE

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1. TURKISH FONMIN TURAN GUNES, SPEAKING AT THE MAY 9 SENATE DEBATES ON HIS MINISTRY'S BUDGET, REPORTEDLY SAID THAT WHILE TURKEY WAS ALWAYS READY TO ASSESS ITS RELATIONS WITH GREECE WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF FRIENDSHIP, "IT IS CLEARLY EVIDENT THAT SUCH AN ASSESSMENT WHOULD NOT BE UNILATERAL AND THAT, IN PARTICULAR, IT CANNOT BE REALIZED BY TURKEY'S GIVING UP HER RIGHTS".

2. GUNES ADDED: QUOTE I CAN EMPHASIZE THE FOLLOWING POINT ON THE AEGEAN QUESTION WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISAGREEMENT WITH OUR GREEK FRIENDS THERE: TURKEY WILL

NEVER CONCEDE TO THE AEGEAN'S BEING TURNED INTO A GREEK SEA
OR A GREEK LAKE, NOR TO THE INFRINGEMENT OF ANY OF ITS RIGHTS
IN THIS SEA. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: THESE AND OTHER RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS
ON THIS SUBJECT BY HIGH GOT OFFICIALS SEEM TO REPRESENT AN
EFFORT TO ASSERT TURKEY'S CLAIMS WITHOUT TOUCHING OFF A NEW
ROUND OF NATIONALISTIC AGITATION IN THE PRESS. IN GENERAL, THE
TONE OF GUNES' REMARKS RESEMBLES THAT OF GREEK PM
ANDROUTSOPOULOS' COMMENTS ON GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS
IN HIS SPEECH MAY 8(ATHENS 2773).
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